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Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

A fellow came by the other day and told me a story saying it was true. I really liked it and found it very amusing. . . . And a lesson might be in it, too. . . . Seems this Duplin County couple was wanting some item on sale in one of the stores in a shopping center in a town some fifty miles away. . . . Well, as they were backing out of their garage for the trip, one of their cats, a jet black one (even the bottom of its feet were black), was accidentally run over and killed. . . . The fellow got out of the car to inspect the cat and make sure it was dead. . . . It was. . . . He wanted to dispose of it before the kids came home from school. . . . Well, there under the garage was a large paper grocery bag so he picked up the cat and put it in the bag, rolled the top over and down, and planned to stop at one of the county dumpsters and throw the cat and bag into it. . . . However, he either forgot, or was in a hurry or didn't see one. . . . In any case, when they arrived at the shopping center, the bag containing the cat was still in the car behind the front seat on the floor. . . . So off they go to make that special purchase without locking the car doors. . . . After all, there was nothing of value in the car—just a paper bag containing a dead black cat. . . . As they were leaving the shopping center, they stopped, as most people do, and looked around the parking lot to spot their car. . . . When they did see the car, they also saw a lady leaning over in the car in a crouched position, so they stayed at the shopping center entrance to see what she was going to do. . . . The lady came out of the car clutching the paper bag containing the dead black cat, looked around, placed the bag under her arm and walked on to the shopping center, right past the couple, who said nothing but were surely going to watch her. . . . She went inside and to the shoe department where she sat down in one of the chairs, placing her pocketbook and the paper bag beside the chair on the floor. . . . She talked with the clerk a few seconds, after which he began sizing her foot for a possible

purchase. . . . Every once in awhile she would look around the store. . . . Apparently deciding no one was watching her, she decided to look in the bag to see what she had. . . . She gave one more look around while the clerk was away, leaned over the chair arm, unrolled the top of the paper bag and looked inside. . . . She turned pale, and cried "Oh! My God. . . . Mercy Jesus", looked up at the ceiling and fainted, sliding out of the chair onto the carpeted floor. . . . There was a great deal of excitement. . . . The clerk notified the office to call the rescue squad and in just a few minutes the EMTs were on the scene, slapping her lightly on the wrist and side of the face. . . . But the lady would not open her eyes. . . . So they loaded her onto a stretcher and were wheeling her away to the ambulance, when someone, very thoughtfully, picked up her pocketbook and her paper bag and placed them on her chest with the paper bag close to her face. . . . and away they went. . . . I wonder what happened when she opened her eyes again and saw that paper bag sitting there on her chest. . . . Apparently the lady figured that a dead black cat was less than gossamer in the bag, was a "sign," for she immediately called on a fellow whose commandment she had just broken. . . . "Thou shall not steal." . . . Of course she was only doing what a great many do by refusing to believe until trouble appears. . . . By the way, the couple checked on the lady at the hospital. . . . She was OK. . . .

Celia Rivenbark, of that other paper, is sporting a new catch-all bag and wearing it proudly over her shoulder. . . . Imprinted in bold red across it is "A woman's place is in the House. . . . and the Senator's. . . . Watch out, Tommy. . . . and Harold. . . . By the way, ERA's may be interested in the January 19th Son-of-a-Gun. . . . I must not be watching enough TV. . . . I confused the lady selling paper towels with Mother Tums the other night. . . . And I can't get my margarine to talk either. . . . Son-of-a-Gun. . . .

Three More File For County Offices

Three more persons filed Monday for county offices that expire this year. Two persons filed for the Board of Education on a county-wide basis. Two seats, now occupied by James F. Strickland and Russell Brock, are open. Claven C. (Jack) Williams, of Route 2, Faison, and Patricia E. Broadrick of Warsaw announced their candidacy for the Board of Education posts. Randal Albertson of Route 1, Mount Olive (Scotts Store area) also filed Monday for Democratic nomination for County Commissioner, District 2. Incumbent Emmett Kelly

filed last Tuesday for his sixth term as a Commissioner to the Glisson, Albertson and Smith townships.



Sullivan Receives Soil Award

ASHEVILLE — William G. Sullivan of Duplin County received the "President's Award" of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts on Monday night. The plaque was presented by President John Harris of Morganton at the association's 28th annual meeting in Asheville. William G. Sullivan, a farmer who produces tobacco, corn, grain and hogs and also operates a farm chemical and fertilizer supply company, was honored for his years of service to conservation, including a year in the presidency of the N.C. Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The citation applauded his efforts before the North Carolina General Assembly which resulted in an appropriation of \$400,000 to expedite the modern soil survey program in North Carolina. The State Soil Survey Program is already underway by the Soil and Water Conservation Section under the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development. Bill Sullivan was nominated by the Duplin Soil and Water Conservation District and selected from statewide nominees for the honor.

Other honors include: ESEA Advisory Staff (Dist. Representative), National Educational Development Tests Achievement Award, Nominee for Who's Who Among American High School Students, and Semi-finalist in National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students.

Betty Lou Taylor of Route 4, Mount Olive, and they have four children, Curt, 13, Jeffery, 11, Rusty, 6, and Wendy, 2. He attends the First Baptist Church in Mount Olive. In announcing his candidacy, Williams said, "With four children, I'm interested in seeing that all children in Duplin County get the best education possible."



Mrs. Broadrick received her nurses training at Grady Memorial Hospital and Georgia State in Atlanta. After graduation, she worked in Pediatric Intensive Care of Pediatric Wards. She is a member of the Warsaw United Methodist Church, where she teaches the

Nursery Sunday School, is Secretary of Career Planning and Counseling, on the Administrative Board, Vice Chairman of Council on Ministries, Counselor of the UMYF, has been Craft Director for Bible School for the past two years, and secretary of a circle for the past two years. She was 1976 Warsaw Chairman of the Heart Fund and is the 1978 Warsaw Co-Chairman of the Arts Council Fund Drive. She is a representative to the County

Committee for the Recruitment of New Doctors, Vice President of the Warsaw Garden Club, County President of the Auxiliary to the Medical Society (2 years), and State Auxiliary Representative to the National League of Nursing. She resides in Warsaw with her husband, Dr. Gary L. Broadrick, surgeon at Duplin General Hospital. They have two sons, Tom and John Robert. In announcing her reasons for running, Mrs. Broadrick said,

"Because I am a concerned parent, I have a vital personal interest in a continually improving school system. As a Board member I would plan to make myself available to as many County PTO meetings as possible to aid in the communication between teachers, parents, students and the Board of Education. I have time and energy to devote to the office, and the education of our County's children is of our utmost concern to me."

State Public School Audit Report Released

Expenditures from the State Public School Fund totaled over \$816 million during the 1976-77 school year, according to figures compiled for the annual audit report of the State Public School Fund. The total represented a 10.9 percent increase in spending over the 1975-76 school year. The largest expenditure from the State Public School Fund, a total of \$561,021,487.30, was paid for instructional services, which included salaries of teachers, principals, supervisors and clerical assistants in schools as well as instructional supplies. Duplin Schools spent \$4,456,341.31 from the State

Public School Fund for instructional services. An additional \$98,083,606.49 was spent for employees benefits, the second largest expenditure from the Fund. Duplin spent \$782,806.13 for employee benefits, which included hospitalization insurance, social security, retirement, pupil reimbursement for injuries and compensation for school employees. Retirement and social security costs amounted to over \$85 million of the total State expenditure. The cost of transporting children to and from school amounted to \$45,584,732.56 statewide. Duplin spent \$500,312.37 to transport local school children. Transportation costs included such items as salaries of bus drivers and mechanics, garage equipment, contract transportation for handicapped children, bus replacements, as well as items needed for regular maintenance, such as gas, oil, anti-freeze, tires, repair parts, batteries and license plates. Another major expenditure paid for operation of school facilities. School officials spent a statewide total of \$35,332,679.37 for janitors, wages and supplies, salary for

maintenance personnel, heating fuel, water, lights, power and telephones. Duplin spent \$261,641.98 to maintain local school facilities. A total statewide expenditure of \$66,980,712.78 was expended for other instructional services. Duplin spent \$565,095.89 for that item. State funds were also used for additional instructional services, the major portion of which paid for the kindergarten program — \$53,332,262.01. Other instructional services included physical education, school psychologists and other teacher support personnel in the school system. The smallest expenditure by category from the State Public School Fund amounted to \$9,297,063.33 and paid for the general control of the schools. That item included salaries of superintendents and assistant superintendents and general office expenses. Duplin Schools spent \$72,352.00 for general control of local schools. The audit report of the State Public School Fund included only State contributions to the operation of North Carolina's public schools. It does not include federal or local tax money which a local school unit may use to supplement the State contribution.

Suspects Jailed In School Break-Ins

Suspects in four of Duplin's numerous school break-ins and vandalisms were arrested early Friday by Sheriff's officers and Wallace police in Wallace, following the break-in of two more schools Thursday night and Friday morning. Arrested were Lafayette Williams, 22, of Route 1, Rose Hill, Napoleon Willis, 21, of Route 1, Teachey, and Billy Carol Peterson, 26 of Route 1, Rose Hill. All three were charged with breaking into James Kenan High School and East Duplin High School Thursday night or Friday morning. Peterson and Williams were also charged with breaking into the Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary School and Charity Middle School Wednesday night

or Thursday morning. They are being held in Duplin jail under bonds of \$8,000, while Willis remains in jail under bond of \$5,000. While patrolling near James Kenan, a Warsaw officer saw a 1976 model car at 3 a.m. Friday on the school grounds. He called for Sheriff's deputies and obtained the license number of the car, from which he was able to find the vehicle was registered to Williams. While he was calling, the suspects escaped from the far side of the building and ran into the woods. Officers impounded the car. However, the suspects made their escape from the scene. The three suspects were apprehended about 7:30 a.m. Friday. Nothing was taken from

James Kenan, but thieves got \$23 in money, a box of candy, a football and some keys from East Duplin. In the Rose Hill-Magnolia break-in, thieves made off with goods valued at \$1,150 and did \$300 worth of damage to the building. The Kenansville Jaycees will hold their Distinguished Service Awards Banquet on Monday, January 16th at Bill Brown's Restaurant in Kenansville. The meal will be a dutch affair with the public invited to attend. Rev. Jack Benfield, United Methodist minister, formerly of Kenansville United Methodist Parish, will be the featured speaker.

Williams Named Rotary Student Of The Month

Joe Antonio Williams, a senior at James Kenan High School, was selected Rotary Student of the Month for January. Joe, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter West Williams of Kenansville, ranks seventh in his class of 158. His extracurricular activities include: Marshal, National Honor Society, Morning Club, School

paper reporter, Yearbook Staff, Science Club, Bus driver, Baseball and Gymnastics. Active in community activities, Joe has done volunteer work for both the March of Dimes and Easter Seals. He is a member of the Holiness Church of Warsaw and active in Sunday School.

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Benfield To Speak At Kenansville Jaycee DSA Banquet

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Board Changes Meeting Place

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners will be meeting in the Auditorium of the Agricultural Extension Service Building on the first and third Monday of each month starting

January 19, 1978 at 10 a.m. This move is due to construction and renovation of the Courthouse Annex.

ROTARIANS HEAR KNITTEL — (L to R) Ron Knittel, Manager of Rose Hill Poultry, was the guest speaker for the Warsaw-Kenansville Rotary Club last Thursday. Knittel is shown as he goes over some information about the Rose Hill Poultry Plant with program chairman, Jim Risher.

Prayer Breakfast

There will be a dutch prayer breakfast sponsored by the Kenansville Jaycees on Tuesday, January 17 at 7 a.m. The breakfast will be held at

The Country Girl Restaurant with Reverend Lauren Sharpe as the guest speaker. Everyone is cordially invited to meet out and join in the good fellowship.

FIRST GRADERS HEAR JONES — The First Grade Students at B.F. Grady School enjoyed a musical program by Clark Jones of the Duplin County Arts Council on Tuesday, January 10th. Besides being entertained, the students joined in

the singing of several songs that were taught to them by Jones. Each grade at B.F. Grady enjoyed a musical session with Jones during the day.